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SUBJECT: WB/G SITREP: JUNE 30, 2005 (1800 HOURS LOCAL) --  
CLASHES CONTINUE NEAR AL-MOWASSI IN GAZA; IDF FORCES MOVE  
INTO NABLUS AFTER THREE SOLDIERS GO MISSING

1. (SBU) SUMMARY: UNRWA and Israeli media reported that five Palestinians were injured, one of them seriously, as stone-throwing clashes between Palestinians, Israeli settlers, and Israeli security forces continued for a fourth day in al-Mowasssi. A large IDF force entered Nablus after three IDF soldiers were reported missing. The PA Ministry of Interior denied Israeli media reports that Colonel Nabil Tamous of the Preventive Security force in Gaza would head the special security force to deal with Gaza disengagement. END SUMMARY.

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West Bank  
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2. (SBU) ATTACKS:

-- Deaths: Nil.

-- Injury: In Aida refugee camp near Bethlehem, Palestinian media sources reported that three youths were lightly injured on June 29 in clashes with the IDF.

-- Arrests: In the West Bank, Palestinian sources reported that six Palestinian Islamic Jihad members were arrested in Hebron by the IDF on June 29.

-- Arrests: Palestinian media reported that unspecified Israeli military sources confirmed that a Palestinian policeman, Wisam Radi (age 30), was arrested on May 22 for participating in the October 2000 lynching of two Israeli soldiers.

-- Security Incidents: Israeli media reported that a large IDF force had entered Nablus after an IDF jeep was found empty in Nablus. Media reports stated that unspecified Israeli and Palestinian security sources believed three soldiers were missing.

-- Security Incidents: In Jenin, Palestinian police continue to search for Saed al-Amin. Al-Amin is believed to be responsible for the killing of a Palestinian policeman last week in Jenin and the torching of a car belonging to Jamal al-Shati, a PLC member.

3. (SBU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

-- On June 30, the PA Ministry of Interior released a statement denying Israeli media reports that Colonel Nabil Tamous of the Preventive Security force in Gaza would head a special security force to deal with Gaza disengagement. The statement said that the special security force will operate under the direct command of the Ministry of Interior and National Security Nasir Yusif.

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Gaza  
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4. (SBU) ATTACKS:

-- Death: Nil.

-- Injury: UNRWA reported that one Palestinian was injured June 28 when IDF patrol boats opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats operating offshore near Gaza City.

-- Injuries/Riots/Arrests: UNRWA and Israeli media reported that five Palestinians were injured, one of them seriously, June 29 as stone-throwing clashes between Palestinians and Israeli settlers, and Israeli settlers and IDF troops and Israeli Border Police continued for a fourth day in al-Mowasssi. According to reports, the situation deteriorated rapidly after graffiti saying, "Muhammad is a Pig" was discovered on the wall of the Palestinian home the settlers occupied. Israeli media reported that journalists in the scene dragged the critically injured Palestinian youth to safety. The IDF subsequently evacuated the settlers from the

house they have been occupying; 35 settlers were arrested, according to Israeli media, and IDF declared the area a closed military zone. Following this confrontation, Palestinian militants fired a barrage of rockets and mortars on the area overnight (see "Mortars/Rockets/Shootings"). Hamas and DFLP claimed responsibility for the attack. Two Palestinians were shot and wounded by IDF responsive gunfire, according to UNRWA.

-- Mortars/Rockets/Shootings: The IDF reported that Palestinian militants fired a total of 15 mortar shells in nine separate attacks on IDF and Israeli settler targets in the southern Gaza Strip June 29-30. UNRWA reported that a total of 26 mortars and homemade rockets were fired in the same period. Militants also launched four shooting attacks in the same period. One Thai agricultural worker was critically injured when a mortar landed near Gadid settlement (see "Injury/Riots").

-- Mortars/Rockets: IAF helicopters fired a missile at what Palestinians claim was a metal working shop in Bayt Hanoun and that the IDF claims was a weapons cache. No injuries were reported.

#### 15. (SBU) BORDER CROSSINGS:

-- Route Four (Salahadeen Road), the main north-south traffic artery, was open June 30, with a major detour at Netzarim Junction.

-- Erez Crossing was open June 28, and 4,365 laborers and 422 merchants crossed into Israel.

-- The Erez Industrial Zone was open June 28, and 569 laborers entered.

-- Sufa Crossing was closed for Palestinian laborers June 30, but was open for the import of aggregates used in construction.

-- Karni Terminal was open June 30.

-- Rafah was open June 30 for both arrivals and departures. Palestinians reported that only 100 or so Palestinians per day are allowed to move each way and that there is a backlog of some 1,000-2,000 people waiting to cross

-- Tel al-Sultan checkpoint was closed June 30. Toufah checkpoint was open for residents of al-Mowassi, except males aged 16-30.

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#### 16. (SBU) ATTACKS:

-- Death/Injuries: The IDF and Israeli media reported that Hizballah rocket fire killed one IDF soldier and wounded three others in Har Dov June 29. The IDF responded by attacking five Hizballah targets in Lebanon.

-- Clashes/Injuries: Israeli media reported that several Israeli disengagement opponents were injured during an attempt to block traffic on major thoroughfares and at major junctions throughout Israel June 29. According to press reports, drivers kicked and beat at least two teenagers lying across the Ayalon freeway during the road-blocking action. Elsewhere, rightwing activists scattered nails and spilled oil on roads. Three policemen were lightly injured near Safed, in northern Israel. It took police approximately 90 minutes to clear the roads completely.

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